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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) In combination, ~~a~~ a caulking joint concealing device, ~~in combination with a caulking joint for concealing the caulking joint between adjacent first and second waterproof surfaces, the first surface being a bathtub surface and the second surface being a tile-covered surface, and a caulking joint covering a joint between the bathtub surface and tile-covered surface, the device~~ comprising:

a flexible elongated central strip having first and second opposite longitudinal edges and first and second sides;

a first flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the first edge, the first flap having a first side ~~adherable~~ adhered to the ~~first bathtub surface~~ in a watertight manner;

a second flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the second edge, the second flap having a first side ~~adherable~~ adhered to the ~~second tile-covered surface~~ in a watertight manner; and

the central strip covering and concealing the caulking joint with the first side of the central strip facing the caulking joint when the first flap is adhered to the ~~first bathtub surface~~ and the second flap is adhered to the ~~second tile-covered surface~~.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein an exterior longitudinal edge of each of the first and second flaps is tapered.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein longitudinal connection of the first and second flaps to the first and second edges of the central strip are

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flexible hinges, such that the first and second flaps being pivotable about a respective one of the hinges from a flat configuration where the first and second flaps are aligned to an installation configuration where the first and second flaps are substantially perpendicular.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a lesser degree of flexibility than the central strip.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a greater degree of flexibility than the central strip.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is transversally convex with respect to the second side of the central strip such that the first side forms a concavity to enclose the caulking joint.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the first side of each of the first and second flaps is covered with an adhesive.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of at least an adhesive strip.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 7, wherein an exposed part of the adhesive is protected by a removable backing strip.

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10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of two independent adhesive strips, a first of the adhesive strips being pre-applied on the first side of the first flap and a second of the adhesive strips being pre-applied on the first side of the second flap.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the central strip has no contact with the caulking joint.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is flexible enough to conform to the caulking joint.

13.-19. (CANCELED)

20. (NEW) In combination, a caulking joint concealing device, adjacent first and second waterproof shower walls, and a caulking compound covering a joint between the first and second shower walls, the device comprising:

- a flexible elongated central strip having first and second opposite longitudinal edges and first and second sides;

- a first flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the first edge, the first flap having a first side adhered to the first shower wall in a watertight manner;

- a second flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the second edge, the second flap having a first side adhered to the second shower wall in a watertight manner; and

- the central strip covering and concealing the caulking joint with the first side of the central strip

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facing the caulking joint when the first flap is adhered to the first shower wall and the second flap is adhered to the second shower wall.

21. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein an exterior longitudinal edge of each of the first and second flaps is tapered.

22. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein longitudinal connection of the first and second flaps to the first and second edges of the central strip are flexible hinges such that the first and second flaps pivot about a respective one of the hinges from a flat configuration where the first and second flaps are aligned to an installation configuration where the first and second flaps are substantially perpendicular.

23. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the central strip is transversally convex with respect to the second side of the central strip such that the first side forms a concavity to enclose the caulking joint.

24. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the central strip has no contact with the caulking joint.

25. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the central strip is flexible enough to conform to the caulking joint.

26. (NEW) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the flexible elongated strip and the first and second flexible flaps are made of a same material, the same material being selected from the group consisting of

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polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, thermoplastic olefin and thermoplastic rubber.

27. (NEW) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the flexible elongated strip and the first and second flexible flaps are made of a same material, the same material being selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, thermoplastic olefin and thermoplastic rubber.